

## Spotlight on Fairfield . . .

The origin of the name Fairfield is not known, but local legend attributes it to a remark by Lord Cornwallis about the “fair fields” of the area. The county was formed in 1785. The town of Winnsboro, which was settled around 1755, is the county seat. Fairfield County was settled by both Scotch-Irish immigrants from colonies to the north, and by English and French Huguenot planters from the lowcountry. In the colonial period, this area was a center for the Regulator movement, which sought to bring law and order to the backcountry. During the Revolutionary War, Lord Cornwallis made his headquarters in Winnsboro from October 1780 to January 1781; the county was also invaded by General Sherman’s troops during the Civil War. Cotton production was the major economic activity of the area, but the county also produced Winnsboro Blue Granite. Some prominent residents of the county were Regulator leader Thomas Woodward (d. 1779), Revolutionary War soldier Richard Winn (1750-1818), and artist Laura Glenn Douglas (1886-1962).

### Winnsboro Workforce Center

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### Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Chester, Lancaster, Kershaw, Richland, Newberry, and Union counties
- This region has an average temperature of 62.0 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 45.4 inches.

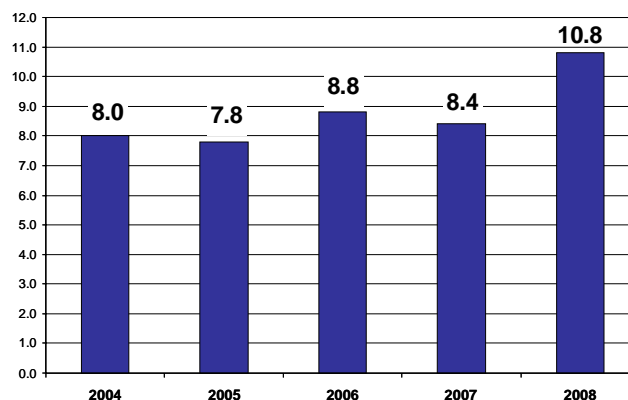
### Population

- Was 23,280 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 24,470 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 41.6% White, 57.3% African-American, and 1.1% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 250 in 2000 to 360 in 2007, a 44.0% change.

### Labor Force

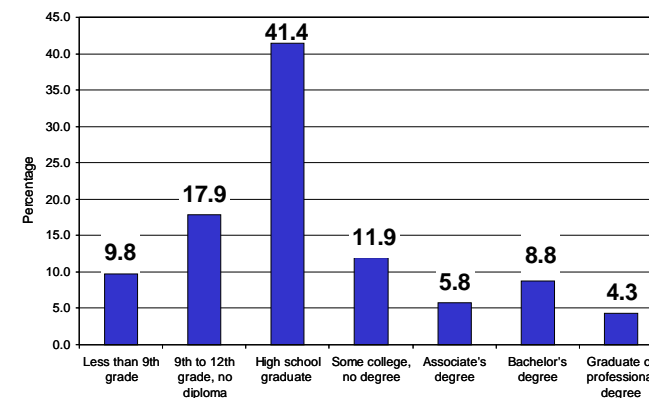
- Increased from 11,110 in 2007 to 11,430 in 2008
- Employment rose from 10,180 in 2007 to 10,200 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 8.4% in 2007 to 10.8% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Fairfield County  
2004 - 2008



### Educational Attainment

Fairfield County 2007



### Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$25,730 for 2007.
- This was 83% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 67% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Winnsboro Workforce Center, serving Fairfield County, paid \$4,797,273 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



### SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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